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1. SUMMARY

FONMIN MOUKANSS INTENDS INVITE SPANISH FONMIN TO VISIT NOUAKCHOTT IN COURSE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS.

2. FONMIN TOLD ME APRIL 18 IN ANSWER QUESTION RE SAHARAN DEVELOPMENTS THAT THERE LITTLE NEW BUT THAT HE DID INTEND INVITE SPANISH FONMIN TO VISIT THIS COUNTRY, HOPEFULLY DURING MAY, TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED. ASKED ABOUT CONTINUED ACTIVITY OF RESISTANCE GROUPS IN SPANISH SAHARA, MOUKNASS REAFFIRMED MAURITANIA'S CLAIM TO ENTIRE SAHARAN TERRITORY BUT AGAIN STRESSED GIRM POLICY WAS TO DENY USE OF MAURITANIAN TERRITORY TO GUERRILLAS SEEKING ACT AGAINST SAHARA. SAID HE HAD PERSONALLY WARNED GUERILLA LEADERSHIP THAT ANY SAHARAN WHO SOUGHT REFUGE HERE AFTER KILLING MEMBER OF SPANISH FORCES CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD BE HANDED OVER TO SPANISH. ASKED IF QADHAFI SHOWING

ANY FURTHER INTEREST IN AIDING SAHARAN LIBERATION, FONMIN SAID NO. QADHAFI HE CLAIMED HAS ACCEPTED PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH'S REQUEST THAT HE WAIT TO BE CALLED IN TO HELP AND THAT HE NOT ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITIES USING MAURITANIAN TERRITORY WHICH WOULD EMBARRASS NOUAKCHOTT IN ITS RELATIONS WITH EITHER RABAT OR MADRID. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN "A FEW PISTOLS" SUPPLIED BY LIBYA TO SAHARAN DISSIDENTS IN MAURITANIA BUT "NOTHING MORE SERIOUS."

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